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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like voice my concern regarding the government's actions taken against Microsoft. I appreciate the role of the government in acting as a "guardian" to protect businesses from unfair practices. However, I do NOT support the continued use of taxpayer dollars to appease those competing with Microsoft. For the most part, those complaining about Microsoft are also huge profitable corporations. They are not small to mid-size businesses that are struggling to get by while Microsoft seeks to destroy them. I believe that if AOL or any of the other big complainers were forced to go through the same scrutiny Microsoft has had to endure for many years they would have failed the test. In fact, many would not remain in business. On the contrary, Microsoft continues to lead the way in technological advances and has also weathered our poor economy well. Despite others efforts to cause the downfall of one of our nations finest corporations it has risen above the controversy and moved forward. It is time for the federal government and remaining states involved in the law suits against Microsoft to move on as well.

As a taxpayer and a voting and concerned citizen I say, "enough is enough". Microsoft has agreed to change their business practices. While the standards are tough they have agreed to do what has been declared fair and right by the courts. The law suits need to stop and the government needs to send the message that while protecting fair competition it will not discourage business and technology that gives our nation an edge in the world market.

Microsoft has done far more good than bad. We need more companies like Microsoft to innovate. The freedom to innovate is an important part of our culture and one that allows individuals and corporations to excel domestically and abroad.

Let Freedom Ring!

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